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PATENT

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In re:	Reissue Patent Application of Robert H. Staat	: Group Art Unit: 3617
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For U.S. Patent No.:	5,509,546	
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For:	MAGNETICALLY-ACTUATED COUPLER FOR MODEL RAILROAD CARS	

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is made in response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2002 having a three month shortened statutory period for response. A separate petition for a two-month extension of time through September 20, 2002 accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows, without prejudice:

Please rewrite claims 7, 8, 11, 15, 17, 19, 21, 28 and 34 to read as follows. Although not required, marked-up copies of the claims showing the changes being made from the previously submitted versions of these new amended claims are attached to the end of this document for the Examiner's convenience.

7. The magnetically-actuated coupler assembly of claim 6 wherein the cantilever spring is molded from engineering plastic.

8. The magnetically-actuated coupler assembly of claim 6 wherein the

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